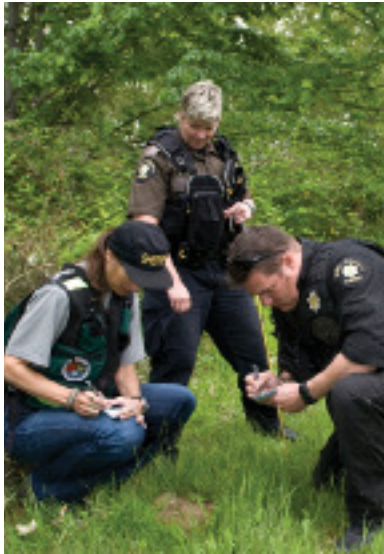


Connecting With Our Community



2011
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From The Sheriff

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It is my pleasure to present the annual report of the King County Sheriff's Office for 2011. I couldn't be more proud of the men and women who stepped up to the challenge of serving the residents of King County with a greatly diminished budget but increased ingenuity and dedication. Although we were forced to limit and eliminate a number of services, the most critical have been maintained by finding new and innovative ways to save money by restructuring the organization and adjusting our method of service delivery. We shut down and moved out of our precinct facility in Maple Valley and relocated personnel to facilities that we now share with our city partners in Maple Valley, Covington, Newcastle, Sammamish and the Muckleshoot Tribe. This new delivery model saves millions of dollars in facilities costs over the next 20 years, strengthens the relationships with our city partners, and puts our deputies closer to the communities they serve. We will complete a similar relocation of personnel from the precinct in Kenmore in the upcoming year.

We recognize that the "great recession" is really a "great reset" for government and we must continue to find more efficient and effective ways to provide service now and into the future. To meet this challenge, we participated in a series of exercises with the Executive's Office that were designed to find new ways to organize our staffing, better meet our fluctuating workload, and minimize the use of overtime. This process also helped us to develop an improved system for prioritizing calls for service and utilizing the command structure. We are not doing more with less - we are doing things differently and more efficiently.

I hope you will enjoy reading highlights of the great work that has been done by the members of the Sheriff's Office. You have been well served by men and women who are not just incredible crime fighters, but also great public servants who have shown that helping people in need is a critical part of keeping our community safe and healthy.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of King County for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff. It has been my honor and privilege to serve and protect you for the past 32 years - the last 7 as your Sheriff. I will retire from Office in March of 2012 to take on the responsibility for leading the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. In my new position I will have the opportunity to apply what I have learned from you about the importance of public trust, accountability, and service.

Sue Rahr
Sheriff
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Sheriff@kingcounty.gov



4 From The Chief Deputy

The year of 2011 was an important year for our agency. In 2011, our team began diligent work on the creation of a blueprint for us to move into the future. In the midst of significant budget cuts, resource and organizational realignments, we continue to find ways to grow through challenge and even arrive better, stronger, and more passionate about the job we do on the other side.

In 2011, we began the process of consolidating our facilities to save significant taxpayer dollars, and strengthened our partnerships regionally. Additionally, we began the creation of our new Strategic Business Plan for 2012-2016, which will help us to thrive in the current environment of reduced resources, greater demands for services, and the need for continued transparency in all we do.

As well, we transition to new leadership. Sheriff Sue Rahr has been a groundbreaking and transformational leader in law enforcement, and upon her departure from the Sheriff's Office, has taken the lead role at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. In this role, she will help create new training philosophies and policies that will bolster our profession by strengthening community relationships and enhancing officer safety. All of us at the King County Sheriff's Office want to thank her for 32 years of service with the Sheriff's Office and wish her all the best in her new role.

It all comes down to this: why is the King County Sheriff's Office here in the first place? To keep people safe. We can only do that if we are effective, respectful, and accountable. 2011 marked a watershed year for our department as we build on the great work of former Sheriff Rahr and create strong plans as we head into our department's next stage.

It is truly our honor to work for the residents of King County and to be members of this honorable profession. Thank you for your interest in our team.

Steven D. Strachan

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Chief Deputy

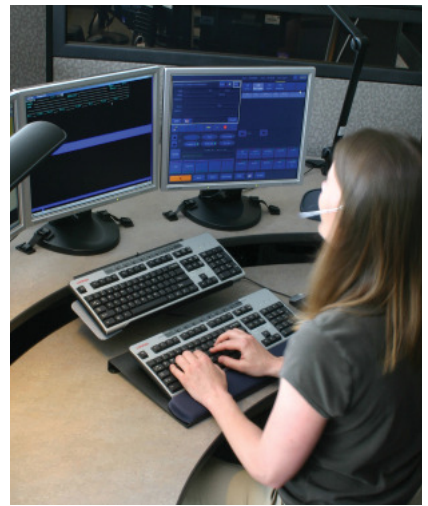
"Deputy Williams' actions and Chief Gradon's response confirms that your sheriffs are customer service-driven and that the King County government is reliable and it does work."

- Stanley, West Precinct Citizen



Communicating With You | 9-1-1 Dispatch

In 2011 the Sheriff's Office Communications Center answered 349,000 emergency and non-emergency calls from King County residents. Kathryn Barnes, a veteran call receiver, answered many of those, one in particular from a man threatening suicide. It took 30 minutes of talking and listening for Kathryn to convince the man to allow her to help. The man had taken a large dose of pills and was lost in the dense forest of Squak Mountain near Issaquah. For more than two hours Kathryn, patrol units, and the Guardian One helicopter worked to locate the man. When officers finally reached him, he told Kathryn that without her, he wouldn't be alive. The job of a dispatcher is not only to calmly respond to the residents that call, but also to coordinate necessary resources to the callers' aide and follow calls through until completion. The coordinated efforts and communication of all units involved made this mission successful.

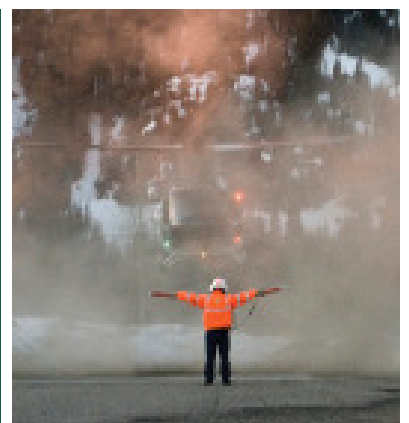
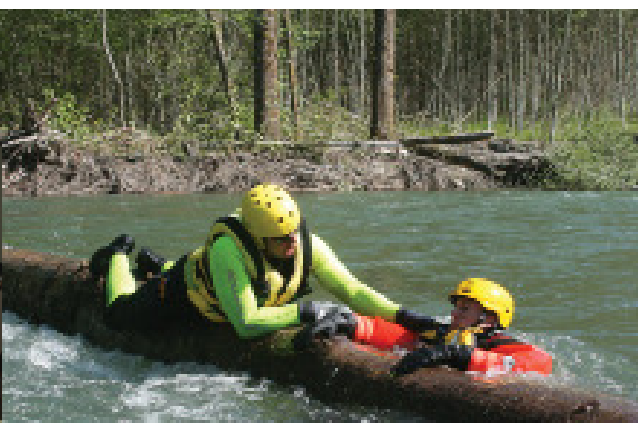


Each Call Is Important

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Rescuing You | Marine Unit

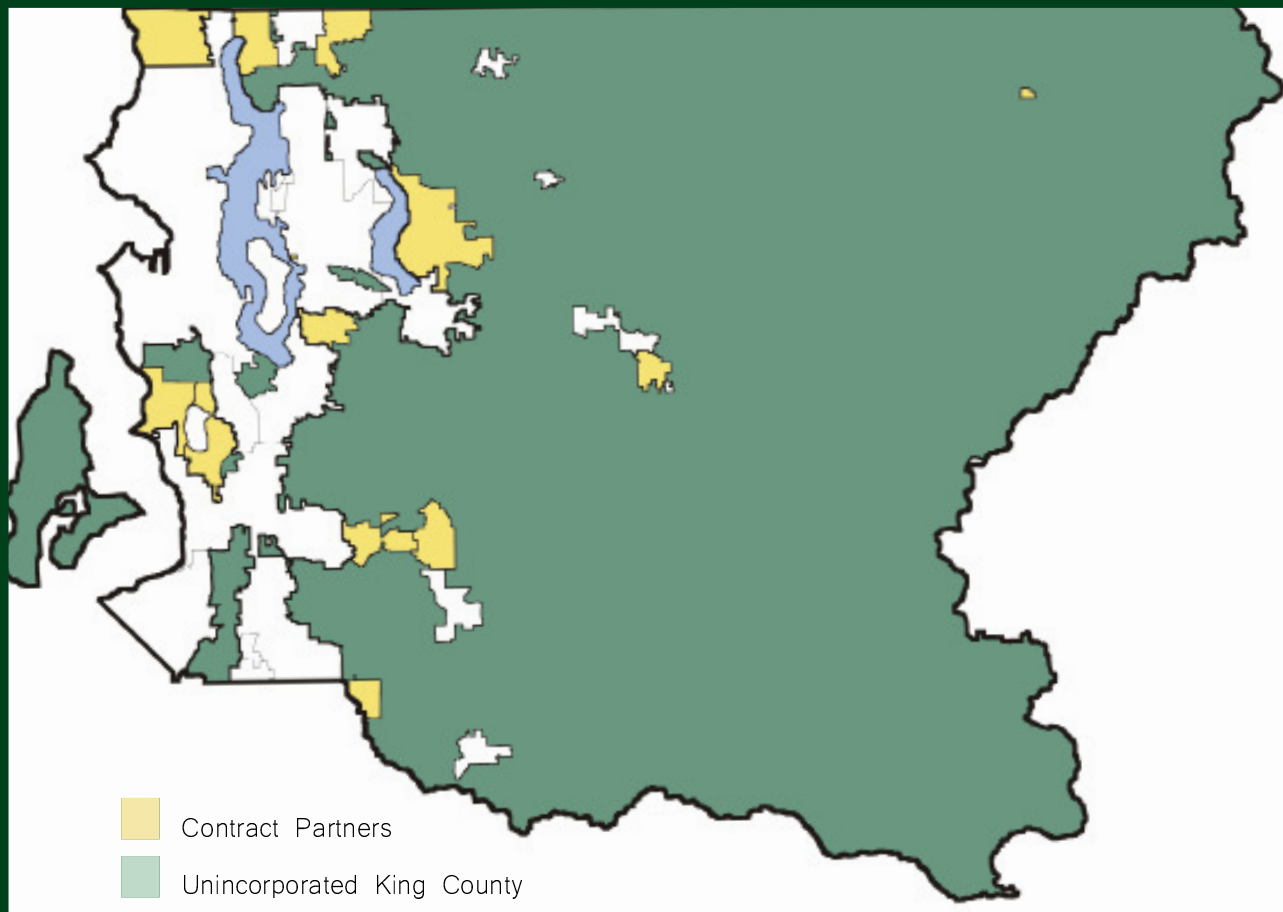
The Sheriff's Office Guardian One helicopter and Marine Unit, and King County Fire District 44 teamed up to rescue two men from the Green River in Flaming Geyser State Park on June 22. Three males had been floating on inflatable toy rafts when the river current pulled the first into a logjam. The second man attempted to rescue his friend but failed when his raft was also sucked under the logs. With his friends now stranded, the third man was able to get to shore and call for help. This successful outcome resulted from precise communication across multiple units and departments and included expertly trained staff. All involved are thankful this mission was completed successfully. This mission was one of 67 water rescues the Marine Unit made in 2011.



Each Street Matters

The King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) has a diverse jurisdiction which includes urban, suburban and rural geographies. Crime in one area of the county can be different than in another area of the county. KCSO is entering its second year using a new tool called Crime Reports. With Crime Reports citizens are able to look up activity for their neighborhood. If you are interested in finding out more please visit crimereports.com

Neighborhoods Your Officers Patrol



For Your Area Visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff/CrimeReports.aspx>



Volunteers That Save | Search and Rescue

A Seattle woman was rescued June 29, after falling 30 feet from Rattlesnake Ledge. The woman stopped to take a photograph, stepped too close to the cliff edge, lost her footing, and fell. Her hiking companion tried to reach her but became stuck 10 feet down. However, he was able to call 9-1-1 for help, and King County Sheriff's deputies and Seattle Mountain Rescue responded. Rescuers set up a rope system to hoist both hikers back onto the trail.

Search and Rescue services are provided under state law at no cost to those rescued. The program is made up of 632 volunteers that undergo a minimum of 140 hours of training each year. If you would like to become a volunteer or donate to the program please visit www.KCSARA.org.



Successes In Your Community 7

No Stone Unturned | Criminal Warrants

Five years after she fled the United States, a Redmond woman, suspected of murdering her ex-boyfriend and severely injuring his fiancé, was booked into King County Jail June 16. She is suspected to have poisoned them with insecticide – laced Jagermeister. In 2006, she fled to Thailand and then to the United Kingdom before being extradited back to the United States by the US Marshals Task Force and King County Sheriff's Office Criminal Warrants Unit.

In July, she plead not guilty; she remains in jail on \$5 million bail. The Criminal Warrants Unit executes approximately 300 warrants every year. In 2011, 360 extraditions took place.



"I found Detective Knudsen's level of cooperation, professionalism, demeanor and ease to work with to be unmatched, far above the normal than that of many other agencies we regularly deal with in this state."

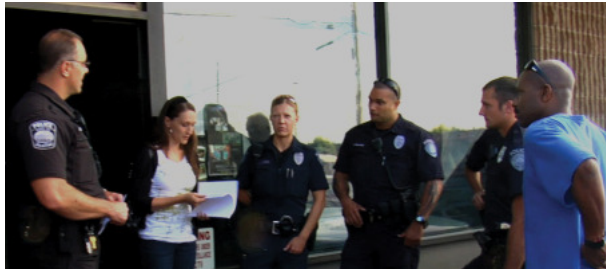
- Investigator With WSDOH





Minor Sex Trafficking In Your Back Yard | Genesis Project

The average age of a sex trafficking victim in the United States is 11 to 14 years old. It has been estimated that 300 to 500 girls are involved in domestic sex trafficking in the King County area alone. In 2009, Detective Andy Conner and the Corridor, a local community outreach group began the Genesis Project, a non-profit organization to address this growing tragedy. Its mission is to assist teenagers that desire to get off the streets and out of the sex trade. Currently, the Genesis Project is only open on an on-call basis. The goal is to be staffed 24/7, providing the girls not only an immediate place to go, but also a permanent solution – providing housing, education, and job training. Thirteen girls have come to the center since being open on a part-time basis in 2011. If you'd like to know more or donate to the project visit the Genesis Project website at www.gpseattle.org.



8 Better Outcome With Your Help

Getting A Fighting Chance | PAL

Greater King County Police Activities League (PAL) works with at risk youth in King County to establish positive relationships with law enforcement in peaceful environments. Flag football, boxing, and mentorships are just a few programs that PAL runs as a non-profit to foster relationships and encourage today's youth to become good citizens and community leaders. Law enforcement officers and community members volunteer to make these opportunities available.

In December, boxers from King County PAL joined other boxing gyms from the northwest in White Center to display their talent at the "Leave No Doubt" event. This event was to honor the work done by the late KCSO Deputy Steve Cox to establish the program in White Center. More than 40 boxers participated in the event ranging in age from nine to 17. The King County PAL White Center Gym is open to all youth in the community that desire to learn life skills through boxing and keep in shape. For more information about this program and others that King County PAL runs visit <http://kingcountypal.net>.

Contract City Partners

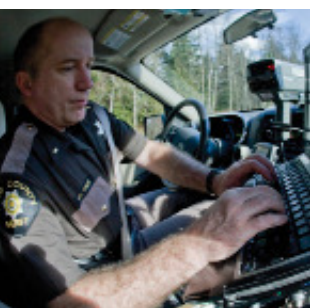
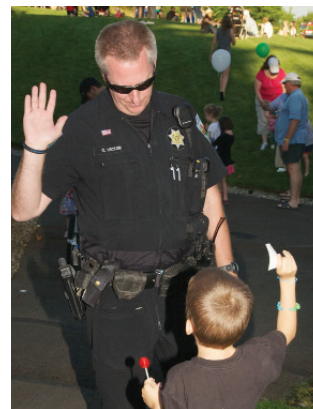
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The King County Sheriff's Office provides a full range of law enforcement services to unincorporated King County and to more than 40 other governmental entities through our contract law enforcement partnership program. Currently, we provide comprehensive police department services for 12 cities and towns, plus Muckleshoot Tribe, King County International Airport, Sound Transit and Metro Transit.

In addition to providing core police services, the Sheriff's contract law enforcement partnership program also allows customers to select specialty services from a list of options such as marine patrol, school resource officers, air support, major accident response and reconstruction, investigations and many others. These specialty service options allow customers to design public safety services based on their own unique community needs and resources.

While the King County Sheriff's Office is already nationally recognized as a leader in contract law enforcement partnerships, we continue to work with our partners to improve our service options and delivery.

In 2011, we led a "Police Services Review Team" comprised of partner representatives and other key stakeholders to examine our cost models and identify cost control measures to minimize fiscal impacts on our partners. We also participated in two independent consultant reviews conducted by our contract partners; both studies concluded that partnering with the Sheriff's Office is a beneficial and cost effective option for law enforcement provision. We also created a new two-city partnership option that allows a smaller partner city to share costs with its larger neighbor that also contracts with us. That consolidation is proving to be a popular and positive partnering option for all participants.



"In my humble opinion, Officer Johnson exemplifies the highest professional standards that the people of the King County expect from their police officers and Officer Johnson is to be commended for his exceptional service to us all."

- Local Area Judge



Shoeprints Left Behind | Burien Police

Employees of the Burien Dollar Store came in to work one December morning to find a hole had been cut through the roof above the store safe. The safe had been pried open and approximately \$4,000 was missing. Deputies on scene located distinct shoe prints on the roof. The suspect's shoe was later identified by the print as a unique Rockstar edition "Etnies" shoe. Also recovered at the scene was a water bottle that was sitting out of place in the front of the store near where the suspect was last seen in the video. It was sent to the WSP crime lab where the DNA profile was obtained.

Months later, the manager was notified that a former employee was bragging about the burglary. Detectives learned Tyler Jones had a pending burglary charge from the City of Seattle within days of the Dollar Store burglary. They wrote a warrant for Jones' house and DNA. Detectives arrested Jones as he was leaving his house; he happened to be wearing the same unique brand of shoe used in the burglary. A swab of his DNA was sent to the WSP lab which later indicated a positive match to the DNA taken off the water bottle.

KCSO saw a slight decrease in burglaries in the Burien area this year. If you'd like to know the crime trends in your area please check our crime reports at <http://www.crimereports.com>.

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Working Together For You



Quick Response Brings Capture | Maple Valley Police

With a bandana over his face, a man walked into the Bank of America on Witte Road in Maple Valley and handed the teller a note demanding money. Ten minutes later, he was captured by Maple Valley Police. After leaving the bank, the robber attempted a carjacking - however the suspect was unarmed and the would-be carjacking victim got away unscathed. Shortly after, the suspect was seen vaulting a six-foot fence into a backyard; he was taken into custody in the backyard. The money was recovered there as well.

The suspect had an outstanding arrest warrant for escape from Community Custody, and is a convicted felon. Maple Valley Police is one of the 12 contract cities with the King County Sheriff's Office. Each contract is tailored to the city's needs.

"If it wasn't for the quick response of the Issaquah PD and King County Sheriff, I am sure that I would have been much more 'stressed' about our son being at the high school alone; and I worry that the outcome of the situation could have been a lot worse than it was."

-Thankful Parent, Issaquah





Nitro Called In | Kenmore K9

Sue Hendrickson thought everything for her overseas trip was lost. She had stopped at a gas station for a soda and mistakenly left her doors unlocked while on her way to catch her plane at the airport. When she came back minutes later, her carry-on bag was gone, as were her computer, passport, credit cards, and a large sum of cash.

King County Deputy Gil from the Southwest Precinct responded. After the deputy reviewed what happened with Ms. Hendrickson and interviewed the store clerk, a distraught Ms. Hendrickson left with a friend, unsure she would be able to fly. Twenty minutes later, Deputy Gil called Ms. Hendrickson saying he had called in a Kenmore K9 named "Nitro" to assist as well. By the time Ms. Hendrickson arrived back on scene, the deputies and Nitro had found her bag behind the station. The bag was returned to its grateful owner, who was able to fly out that night with all of her possessions.

Partnering Together

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A Million Dollars Of Goods Recovered | Shoreline Police

Keith Blair nearly walked away with one million dollars in loot, including cash, gold, electronics, guns, golf clubs, Rolex watches and a Porsche worth more than \$50,000, after initiating a string of burglaries that had numerous community residents on edge. After taking the case, Detective Cary Coblantz tied Mr. Blair to burglaries in Snohomish County, King County, and the cities of Shoreline, Seattle, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Medina, and Kirkland. Stolen goods recovered from a unit in Monroe were so numerous that a semi-truck was required to haul everything out.

Detective Coblantz' investigation resulted in 14 charges, and Blair was found guilty of 13 of them. The King County Prosecutor's Office asked for an exceptional sentence, and Blair received 186 months in prison. Additional charges were brought against him in King County for money-laundering and burglary in Snohomish County.

25 Years Of Community | National Night Out

National Night Out Against Crime was started more than 25 years ago by the National Association of Town Watch. In 2011, 37 million people participated in NNO events worldwide. Every year the Sheriff's Office works with our local communities and partner cities to highlight the importance of these events. Falling on the first Tuesday in August, National Night Out is designed to establish drug and crime awareness and support anti-crime programs. In 2011, events took place throughout King County and in partner cities including Sammamish, Kenmore and Maple Valley. If your community is planning on hosting an event in your neighborhood, call your local Sheriff's Office location to let us know about it.

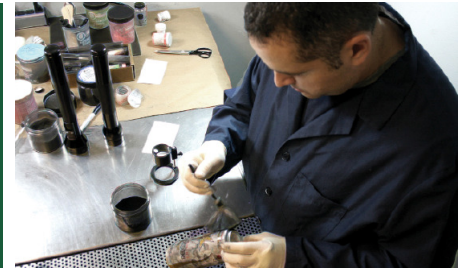
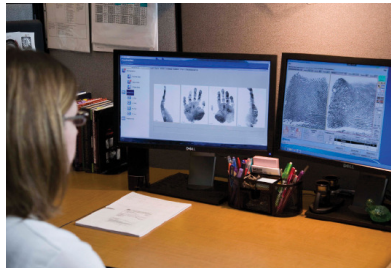
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Programs Serving You



"DNA gets all the attention, but other advances, including fingerprint identification, solve crimes as well. It is very gratifying to finally solve the murder of an 80 year-old woman, thanks to AFIS and great detective work."

- Sheriff Sue Rahr



AFIS | Why It Is So Important

King County's Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), operational since 1988, serves all cities and unincorporated areas in King County. AFIS provides technology and resources to solve crimes by collecting, storing, and identifying fingerprints and palmprints. In December 2012, the property tax levy that funds the Regional AFIS Program will expire. Upon renewal of the levy, AFIS will continue assisting police to identify and apprehend criminals as demonstrated in this story:

In 1978, an 80 year-old widow was found dead in her Seattle trailer, which was ransacked. The case was never solved. In 2010, KCSO cold case detectives re-examined the case, realizing that advances in technology now allow prints to be searched through AFIS that previously had not met the criteria for quality. AFIS examiners matched latent fingerprints on items from the crime scene to an individual who lived near the victim at the time of the crime. Between 1978 and 2001, the individual was arrested multiple times in several states, mostly on burglary charges. In September 2011, detectives arrested the individual in Reno, where he resided.



"I ran out of gas and found myself blocking traffic on 228th Ave during rush hour. Officer Williams was immediately on the scene, treated me with much more respect than I deserved and in addition suggested, advocated and was patient enough to facilitate a solution that avoided damage to my wife's new car. Officer Bowthorpe provided a towing solution & cheerful, encouraging instructions. I truly felt served & protected."
- Sammamish motorist

Growing With You | The Sheriff's Office Facebook

The Sheriff's Office continues to expand ways to communicate with the residents we serve through several social networking sites. Both the 9-1-1 Communications Center and the Sheriff's Office joined Facebook. You can find us by searching for the King County Sheriff's Office on Facebook or by choosing the link we have on our web page. You can find a wide variety of information on both pages, including position openings, recent activity, upcoming events and pictures. We have even recently asked for help to identify suspects in local robberies using our Facebook page to distribute the necessary information.

Our Public Information Officer, Cindi West, also has an account on twitter; you can follow her at "kingcsoPIO." You will find that she tweets about very recent crime activity or incidents, with real-time updates on in-progress incidents as she can provide them. We continue to look for different ways to communicate with the public we serve, and welcome any ideas residents may have as well.

Where We Are Going

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Serving You For Years To Come | The Future

This year has been one of many changes. We consolidated and moved many of our offices to decrease facility charges and become centrally located for those we serve. Over the course of the last year many of our units also ran through exercises to evaluate the efficiency of services offered and eliminate waste.

Additionally, we anticipate many more changes coming in 2012. In the next year we look forward to hiring for the first time since we faced layoffs in 2008 and 2009. Estimates show we should be able to hire at least 10, with several of those vacancies being individuals we had to lay off from previous years. On the horizon, we also see leadership changes as Sheriff Sue Rahr moves on to a new position as the director of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, as well as an upcoming election in November of 2012.

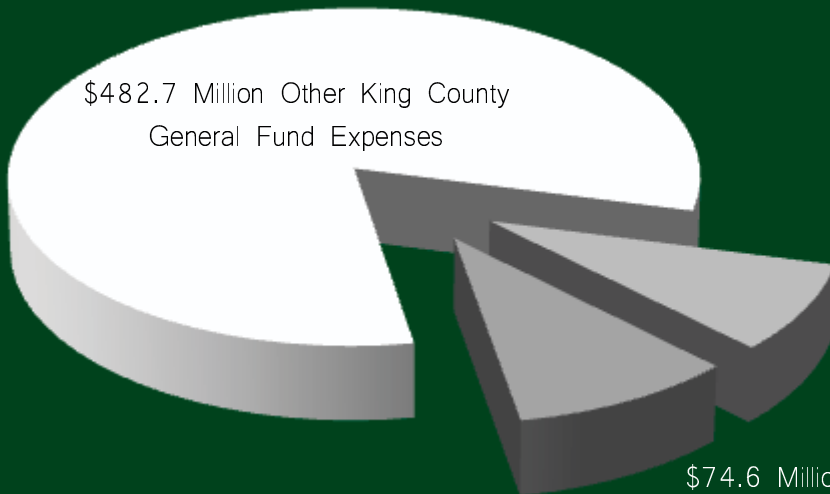
We anticipate deployment changes and a new business plan, unveiling both in early 2012. With a revised, clear mission statement, the foundation is laid in our new business plan to carry out four defined goals.

With each year we strive to develop our services to fit the changing needs of the community. The Sheriff's Office will bring in 2012 with the mission to be a "Trusted partner in fighting crime and improving quality of life."



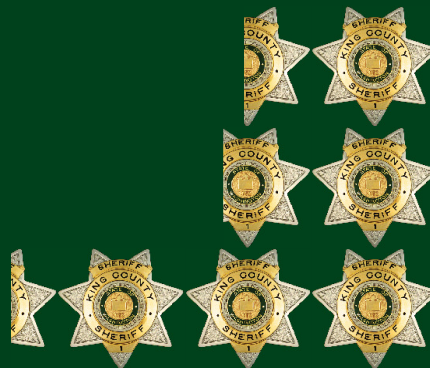
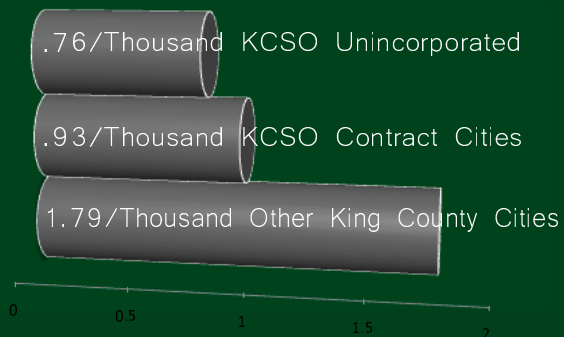
Your Dollars Matter

Sheriff's Office General Fund Usage



Total King County General Fund budget was \$621,281,048 in 2011. King County Sheriff's Office total budget in 2011 was \$138,578,129. However, 53.8% of Sheriff's Expenses are covered by contract partnerships and fees. The Sheriff's net cost in 2011 was less than 10 percent of the County General Fund.

Sworn Officers per 1,000 Residents



\$158 KCSO Unincorporated

\$181 KCSO Contract Cities

\$336 Other King County Cities

Cost of Police Service Per Person



Those Recognized For Their Service In 2011



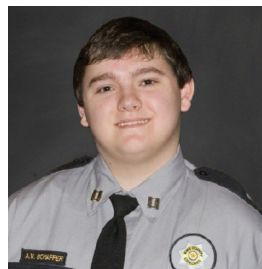
Deputy Of The Year
Jeffrey Flohr
Detective Of The Year
Christina Bartlett
Sergeant Of The Year
Jesse Babauta
Employee Of The Year
Mark Wohrle

Dispatcher Of The Year
April Love

Marshal Of The Year
David Scontrino

Explorer Of The Year
Alexander Schaffer

Volunteer Of The Year
Jean Clements



Not Pictured: Reserve Deputy Of The Year, Darryl Bayes

Honoring Retirees In 2011

Darlene Allenthorp
Calvin Beringer
James Blodgett
Carol Cummings
Greg Dymerski

Joanne Elledge
Lance Fralick
George Fuller
Don Griffee
Carolyn Griffin

Dawn Grout
Marlon Hoyle
Kathryn Hurst
Edward Ka
Julie Loofbourow

Melvin Miller
Marla Minor
Susan Peters
Judi Schlegel
Ronald Toliver

Robert Williams
Christopher Young

Recognizing Service

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Always Remembered

William G. Cherry 03.06.1853
George W. Poor 07.26.1891
Robert C. Scott 04.04.1920
Thomas Meehan 11.13.1935
Donald A. Armeni 09.15.1954
Michael L. Raburn 03.27.1984
Mark W. Brown 02.27.1999
Steve E. Cox 12.02.2006

Lois V. Wyckoff 01.20.1882
John Williams 03.18.1903
Steve Watson 07.09.1934
Norman F. Silkworth 03.07.1952
Samuel A. Hicks 06.24.1982
Richard S. Cochran II 05.22.1991
Richard A. Herzog 06.22.2002

The Officers listed are the King County Deputies that made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in the line of duty. These brave souls and their families always remain in our hearts and prayers.

Annual Partner Events To Look For

February

Kenmore
Teen Dances

March

Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting
Scott Firefighter Stair Climb
Kenmore
Citizen's Academy
Junior High Academy
Shoreline And Maple Valley
Citizen's Academy



August

All
National Night Out
Covington
Covington Kids Fest
Maple Valley
Community Connections Day
Sammamish
Sammamish Days And Nights
SeaTac
Back To School Fair
Shoreline
Celebrate Shoreline
Ridgecrest Ice Cream Social
Woodinville
Celebrate Woodinville



April

SeaTac, Shoreline and North Bend
Prescription Take Back Day
Maple Valley
Fishing Derby
Kenmore
Bike Rodeo
Shoreline
Volunteer Appreciation



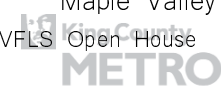
May

SeaTac
Laws and Paws
Shoreline
Emergency Preparedness Fair
Richmond Beach Strawberry Festival



September

Newcastle
Newcastle Day
Muckleshoot
Health Fair
Meet Your Heros Day
Kenmore
Prescription Take Back
Woodinville
Prescription Take Back Day
Maple Valley
MVFLS Open House



We'll Get You There

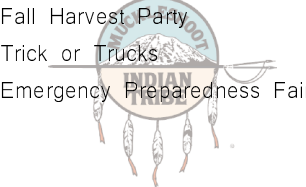
June

Maple Valley
Maple Valley Days and Bike
Safety Rodeo
SeaTac
International Festival
Burien
Wild Strawberry Festival
Shoreline
Special Olympics Torch Run



October

SeaTac And Shoreline
Prescription Take Back
Covington
Purple Light Night
Sammamish
Halloween Happening
Sammamish Arts Fair
Kenmore
Teen Dances
Maple Valley
Fall Harvest Party
Trick or Trucks
Emergency Preparedness Fair



July

Maple Valley
Bike Challenge/Kid's Safety
Fourth Of July
Newcastle
Police Day in Lake Boren Park
Covington
Covington Days
North Bend
Downtown Block Party
Burien
Independance Day Parade
Shoreline

Girllin & Chillin
Swinging Summer Eve
Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting
Museum Of Flight -American Heros
Airshow
Museum Of Flight - Fire Department
Kid's Safety Day
Woodinville
Summer Concerts



December

SeaTac, Covington, Kenmore,
Shoreline
Tree Lighting
Maple Valley
Holiday Lights At Lake Wilderness



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